

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 832

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 28, 1968

Order to Show Cause Directed)
Against Napoleon Hill, Alleged)
Overcharge of Taxi Fares.)

Docket No. 177

By Order No. 817, served May 14, 1968, the Commission (a) found that the respondent Napoleon Hill had been engaged and would continue to engage in acts and practices violative of Commission orders -- specifically, demanding and collecting taxi fares other than those prescribed by the Commission, unless prohibited therefrom, (b) directed the respondent to cease and desist from said acts, and (c) directed that this matter be turned over to the appropriate enforcement office in order that these acts be enjoined and that the Compact's penalty provisions imposed.

By application for reconsideration, filed May 28, 1968, the respondent contends (1) that he has made refunds in regard to the alleged overcharges specified in the initial order which set this matter for hearing, (2) that he has paid the expenses incurred by the Commission in holding a hearing on this matter, (3) that he was demanding and collecting taxi fares other than those prescribed by the Commission, and (4) that he is now aware of and will abide by the regulations and rate structure prescribed and promulgated by the Commission. In light of these acts, the respondent requests the Commission reconsider Order No. 817 and refrain from further prosecution and imposition of applicable penalties.

The Commission is of the opinion that reconsideration should be granted and the order modified as requested. We find that further prosecution herein and imposition of the designated penalties is unwarranted at this time. Although we do not condone the respondent's persistent refusal to cooperate with this Commission, it is nevertheless apparent that

he has complied with Order 817 in terminating the acts complained of. As respondent's application points out, he has made appropriate refunds and has reimbursed the Commission for the expenses incurred in holding a hearing in this matter. Coupled with his admission as to the past illegal acts, the respondent clearly states that he is now fully cognizant of the prescribed rates and regulations of this Commission and that he will henceforth strictly comply with these rates and regulations.

In view of the aforesaid, we are of the opinion that respondent is sincere in his acknowledgments and his pledge to adhere to the dictates of this agency. We shall, however, require Mr. Hill to submit to us data which will permit close scrutiny of his service, whereby we may insure the protection of the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of Napoleon Hill for reconsideration of Order No. 817 be, and it is hereby, granted.
2. That the provisions in Order No. 817 directing prosecution of this matter be, and they are hereby, vacated.
3. That Napoleon Hill file with the Commission true copies of his daily manifest when requested by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

Melvin E. Lewis

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Executive Director